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Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

All quiet on the Martha Street front, this Memorial Day, '76. A drive around town showed many places with the Flag flying in tribute to those who served our Nation in time of peril. 'Tis a Grand Old Flag Long May She Wave.

Thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harvey, from down Prospect way. Came by Sunday to share "some eats from the garden." Onions, garden peas, etc. Some of the onions were boiling size and I am fond of boiled onions. Also thanks for the comment that I must "keep on writing your column."

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Mrs. Rachel Coleman Totty, of Wilson, N.C., is a Times-Virginian reader and wrote to Brightleaf about her picture in last week's issue. Also to remind me that the violets in my yard which have managed to survive inadvertent lawn-mowing were brought to me from Carolina by the Tottys. So true and will do as she writes, "give them a chance!"

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My friend, Bill Vaughan came up and did my lawn mowing during the week end, and I proclaim him a splendid worker. About a two-hour job, for I have scads of shrubs and such to make it a bit tedious. Have planted most of my modest garden space and the remaining seed will likely end up in a row of succotash.

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Welcomed visitors Monday morning on Martha Street, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Evans, of the D.C. area. Bill was with The Times-Virginian for several years and is a senior employee of The Washington Post. Mrs. Evans hails from Luray, Va. In the early 1950's, Bill took over The Times-Virginian for several weeks and ran it while Brightleaf and I traveled to California and I treasure him as a long-time friend.

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Possessed of scant merits as a gardener, I have my own theory when it comes to using the garden hoe. At early stages of emergence, I cannot tell what's what, so my decision is . . . if it is in a row do not chop. Weeds and such tend to irregular patterns. Maybe I should say, "In a Row, let it Grow."

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Although I listen and read everything available about politics and public affairs, I have never been called on for an expression of opinion by any of the big polls of public opinion. But, heavens to Betsy I have a letter from a would-be candidate asking me what I think about a wide variety of issues. I may or may not reply, for most of the questons are tough ones and a yes or no answer is a judgment call which events might change. Chicken?

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On one issue, I am bold, however. When wasps and roaches and insects invade 205 Martha Street, I fetch my trusty swatter and send 'em along to their happier hunting grounds in the sky. Put several into orbit this morning.

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Seemed to me that Appomattox did all right over the Memorial Day week end. Guests at our motor courts, guests at our restaurants, guests at our historical shrine, and it was a nice week end.

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My college graduating class was 1926. Fifty years, and I have received a certificate which I will frame, naming me a member of the Frederic W. Boatwright Society of Alumni. Dr. Boatwright was President of University of Richmond for many years.

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Thanks for reading and seeya next week. Keep Appomattox "A Growing Town."

Secondary Road System Sets Allocations

Distribution of $113,048,783 for construction and maintenance on Virginia's 43,000-mile secondary road system in the fiscal year which will begin July 1 was announced today by the State Department of Highways and Transportation.

It's an increase of nearly $10,000,000 over the sum for the current fiscal year, but is about a million dollars below the level contemplated in the state's 1972-82 road and street improvement program because state road use tax revenue has fallen below estimates.

Appomattox County, a part of the Lynchburg District, will receive $665,759 state funds, distributed in accordance with applicable laws, plus $145,817 federal funds and state matching or equivalent, a total of $811,576 for the secondary road system in our county.

As in the past, by far the larger part of the secondary system consists of the local roads in 93 counties and the part of the City of Suffolk which formerly was Nansemond County. The two other counties, Arlington and Henrico, maintain, operate, and improve their own local roads, and receive direct payments from the Highway and Transportation Department for that purpose.

The total funds are distributed among the counties by a method taking into account such factors as land area, population, road mileage, vehi-

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ACHS To Award 175 Diplomas

photo by Shearer B. Robertson

Appomattox County High School - Class of 1976

Baccalaureate Service Sunday

Commencement Exercises Set For Wednesday Night

A Baccalaureate Service for the Class of 1976, Appomattox County High School, will be held Sunday evening, June 6, 1976 at 8:00 p.m. in the ACHS Auditorium. The Rev. H. Doyle Chauncey, pastor of Liberty Baptist Church, will deliver the Baccalaureate Sermon. Ivocation will be given by Rev. R. Q. Lawing and Benediction will be given by the Rev. Henry Riley, Jr.

Commencement exercises for the 175 graduating seniors will be held on Wednesday evening, June 9, at 8 p.m. at the Appomattox Middle School stadium.

Mr. Cecil B. Tillery, Principal at Appomattox County High School, will award the 175 diplomas to the graduating seniors, the largest graduating class in the history of the school.

Class speakers are Tommie Steven Cawthorn, Valedictorian and Class President; and Beverly Dianne Harvey, Salutatorian.

Guest speaker for the commencement exercises will be the Honorable Andrew Miller, Attorney General of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Mr. John McLean, Assistant Principal, will present awards and Mrs. Mary Grey Holland will present the Citizenship Award. Herbert Pankey, Student Council President, will make remarks.

The Rev. R. Q. Lawing will give the Invocation and the Benediction.

The Appomattox County High School Band, under the direction of Mr. Frank Coffey, will play the Processional and the Recessional.

Senior Class Officers are President, Tommie Steven Cawthorn; Vice - President, Sharon Marie Paulette; Secretary, Charlene Marie Rush; Treasurer, Jack William Smith; Reporter, Cynthia Lynn Harris; Parliamentarian, Millicent Catlett Martin; and Chaplain, Michael Landon Lewis.

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Maryjane Smith

Maryjane Smith, daughter of Mrs. Ann Smith of Pamplin and the late Earl J. Smith, has been awarded an Athletic Scholarship for Basketball by Longwood College. The amount of the Scholarship is $625.00 annually for four years, totaling $2500.00. Maryjane has been one of the most outstanding athletes in the history of Appomattox County High School. She has lettered in three sports, Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball, for four years. She is a member of the National Honor Society and has a grade-point average of 3.35.

Because of her outstanding record in basketball, she has been recognized locally, in the state, and nation. She plans to major in Physical Education at Longwood College.

Individual honors attained by Maryjane include: All District Team and Foul Shot Trophy ACHS 1973; All District Team, Best Offensive Player ACHS in 1974; All District Team, District Player of the Year,

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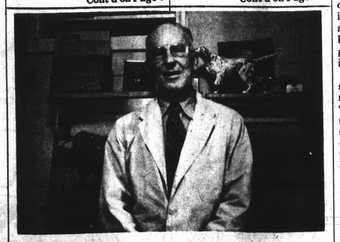

Memorial United Methodist Church, Appomattox, will honor Dr. Clyde G. O'Brien, shown above in familiar surroundings, at the 11 a. m. Worship Service this Sunday, June 6th. The public is invited to attend this special event.

ACHS Seniors Receive Scholarships

Deborah Gail Morrell

Debra Gail Morrell, who will be a 1976 June graduate of Appomattox County High School, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dayton E. Morrell of Concord, is the winner of the $200 Bicentennial Scholarship awarded by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club.

Miss Morrell plans to enter the Lynchburg General - Marshall Lodge School of Nursing this fall. Her plans are to become a registered nurse and perhaps further her career specializing in a particular field of medicine.

Throughout her high school career, Debra has been a member of the 4-H for three years, member of the Drama Club and served as public relations officer for three years. In the Virginia Association, Future Homemakers of America, she has served as president for two years, vice-president

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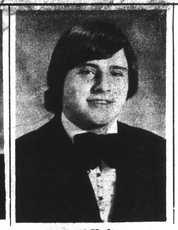
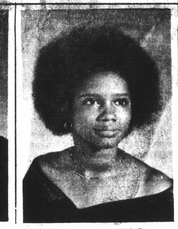


Richard Shelton

Richard Shelton, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Shelton of Appomattox, is a recipient of an Academic Merit Scholarship of $800 from Lynchburg College. He will attend in the fall of 1976 and plans to major in Political Science. His long range plans are to enter law school.

Richard is a two-year member of the National Honor Society and is President of the Science Club. He is an Honor Graduate in the Class of 1976 at Appomattox County High School.



Deborah Vernell McIvor

Deborah Vernell McIvor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hubert McIvor of Route 1, Appomattox, has been awarded an academic scholarship by Saint Paul's College in Lawrenceville for the amount of $1200.00, and will be made renewable each year that she maintains a 3.0 grade average or better.

Deborah is a member of the Promise Land Baptist Church. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, of the SCA for one year, holding the office of Secretary; a member of the FBLA, and Co-Captain of the Raiderette Basketball team for 1976.

Deborah will attend Saint Paul's College in the fall and will major in Social Psychology.

Cynthia Hunter

Cynthia Hunter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norvel Hunter of Route 2, Concord, Virginia, is the recipient of an academic scholarship of $1200 from Saint Paul's College, in Lawrenceville. She has been a member of the National Honor Society for two years, FBLA for one year, SCA two years, ICC one year, Basketball one year and Scorekeeper for the year of '76. She is also a member of the Radio Staff and Library Club Reporter for the coming year.

Cynthia plans to attend Saint Paul's College in the fall and will major in Elementary Education.

Daniel Urged Tobacco Industry To Take Positive Approach

RALEIGH - Fifth District Congressman Dan Daniel recently urged the tobacco industry to take a positive approach in combatting what he called "unfair attacks" by government and private agencies.

The Virginia Congressman, speaking to the 30th annual meeting of the Flue-cured Tobacco Cooperative Stabilization Corp. here, said "it is ironic that in this Bicentennial year, the nation's first crop (dating back to Jamestown) is being threatened as never before."

The lines, he said, "have been clearly drawn - the array of anti-tobacco forces is considerable."

In Congress, through executive agencies, in Federal regulatory commissions and elsewhere, Daniel asserted "unprecedented assaults" are

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Appomattox Senior Wins In Horticulture

Tommie Steve Cawthorne, an Appomattox County senior, has been named area winner of the Future Farmers of America Foundation award in ornamental horticulture. Steve, 18, is the son of Mrs. Nancy S. Webb, Rt. 2, Appomattox.

Among the accomplishments which led to his selection for the area award was work experience in the Superior Trees Nursery. Since enrolling in ornamental horticulture, he has received experience in caring for bedding plants, potted plants, and gardening.

His record will be considered along with those of five other area winners for the state award. Presentation of the state award will be a feature of the State FFA Convention in Blacksburg, June 14-17.

School Board Will Meet Today, June 3

The Appomattox County School Board will meet in regular session today, June 3, 1976, at 3 p.m. in the Board Room at the School Board Office in Appomattox.

Items on the agenda will include recognition of employees retiring at the end of the current school session, consideration of Title I Program for 1976-77, consideration of Annual and Five Year School Division Plan, review of plans for summer activities, consideration of School Board Policy regarding educational leave for 12 months employees, and the Superintendent's report to the Board.

ACHS Spring Concert - June 4

On June 4, 1976, the Band and Choir of Appomattox County High School will present a program of music at 8 p.m. in the ACHS Auditorium.

The Band, Stage Band, and Choir will perform along with various solos by Freddy Mitchell, Faith Vaughn, Sandra Chambers, Patricia Elder, Karen Fratrick, John Hudson, W. T. Lamberth and several ensemble members.

The admission fee will be $1.50 in advance and $2.00 at the door for adults and $1.00 in advance for students and $1.50 at the door. Pre-school children are admitted free. Tickets are available from any band or choir member at ACHS. The proceeds will go the Music Department to help purchase recording equipment.

Come out for fine entertainment and see these students share their talents.

photo by Robert E. Pankey

Bluegrass Fever

The Appomattox County Jaycees are continuing their efforts in preparation for their forthcoming Jaycee Bluegrass Festival to be held June 4 and 5 at Paradise Lake, seven miles west of Appomattox on Rt. 460. The entertainment this year will feature such well known Bluegrass bands as The Harvest, Johnny Ellis & Bluegrass Express, New Spring Grass, Jim Orange & The Orange Blossoms, Little George — The Hill City Cutups, Roby Huffman & The Bluegrass Cutups.

Show times are 7 p.m. to 12 p.m. on Friday, June 4 and 2 p.m. to 12 p.m. on June 5. The shows will be held rain or shine.

Admission fees will be $3.00 per person for Friday's show, $5.00 per person for Saturday's show or $7.00 for a special Friday & Saturday combination ticket. Children under 12 will be admitted free. Rough campsites will be available free to holders of $7.00 combination ticket.

Food and beverage will be available on the festival site as well as medical and law enforcement aid.

The Appomattox Jaycees have invested a great deal of time and money towards this project in an effort to make this the major Bluegrass Festival in Central Virginia. Make plans to be there for two days of good music and times.